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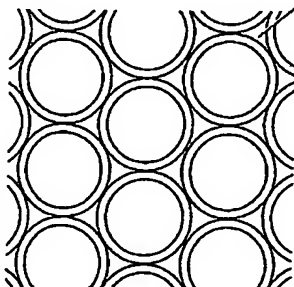
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(57) Abstract: A body protecting device for wearing by a user com-
prising an array of energy absorbing cells, wherein each cell comprises
a tube, and wherein substantially each tube has a side wall which is near
or adjacent to the side wall of at least another tube, and wherein sub-
stantially each tube is configured such that the orientation of the tube is
substantially maintained when a load is applied parallel to the axis of
the tube.